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SUBJ CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONFIRMS TO REPORTER THAT
TRUDEAU-MACEACHEN FOREIGN POLICY WILL SEEK NEW ACTIVE ROLE ON
LEFT-WING OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS; BELIEVES RENEWED ERA OF
TOUGH US BARGAINING WITH CANADA HAS BEGUN

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1. ON THE SAME DAY THAT CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS WERE PUBLISHING
PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S DENIAL THAT THERE WILL BE ANY
MAJOR CHANGES IN HIS APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS, THE SOUTHAN NEWS SERVICE PUBLISHED AN "EXCLUSIVE"
INTERVIEW WITH CANADA'S NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS, ALLAN MACEACHEN, WHICH STATED THAT MACEACHEN HAD
"CONFIRMED" IN BROAD TERMS A RECENT REPORT OUT OF THE
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE THAT THE TRUDEAU-MACEACHEN FOREIGN
POLICY WILL BE TO SEEK A STRONG, NEW ACTIVE ROLE ON THE
LEFT WING OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

2. IN A WEEKEND INTERVIEW AT THE UNITED NATIONS WITH
SOUTHAM REPORTER DUART FARQUHARSON, MACEACHEN REPORTEDLY
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ALSO SAID THAT HE BELIEVED A RENEWED ERA OF TOUGH US

BARGAINING WITH CANADA MAY HAVE ALREADY BEGUN AFTER A WATERGATE-CAUSED HIATUS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS.

3. COMMENTING ON AMBASSADOR PORTER'S SPEECH IN WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 25, ON US-CANADIAN BILATERAL PROBLEMS, MACEACHEN SAID, "I DON'T MIND THE AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH-- IT GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY." ACCORDING TO THE INTERVIEW, MACEACHEN SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO WORK TO IMPROVE CANADA-US RELATIONS, ALTHOUGH "IT IS MY IMPRESSION THAT WE HAVE AN EXTREMELY CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP... IT IS PRETTY HEALTHY."

5. COMMENTING ON US COMPLAINTS ABOUT CANADIAN QUOTAS ON BEEF IMPORTS FROM US AND CANADA'S EXPORT TAX ON OIL, MACEACHEN REPORTEDLY SAID WITH REFERENCE TO THE FORMER THAT IT WAS "NOT UNRELATED TO DISTORTIONS IN THE MARKET CREATED BY PREVIOUS AMERICAN POLICIES." ON THE EXPORT TAX ON OIL, HE SAID THAT CONSUMERS IN EASTERN CANADA ARE PAYING EXACTLY THE SAME PRICE FOR THEIR OIL AS AMERICANS ARE PAYING FOR THE IMPORTED CANADIAN OIL.

6. TURNING TO RELATIONS OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA, MACEACHEN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT: "THE PRIME MINISTER AND I HAVE DISCUSSED OUR APPROACH OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS NOW THAT WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A STABLE LEGAL SITUATION....THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS I WILL WANT TO EMPHASIZE IN THE FUTURE, NOT THAT THIS IS A SHARP BREAK WITH THE PAST.....WE WILL SEEK OUT NEW APPROACHES IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE ECONOMIC DISPARITIES IN THE WORLD. I WILL HAVE THE DEPARTMENT LOOKING FOR NEW AND IMAGINATIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS FIELD."

7. A SECOND AREA OF SPECIAL CONCERN, MACEACHEN SAID, WILL BE THE APPLICATION OF BOTH CANADIAN AND MULTI-LATERAL SAFEGUARDS TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS.

8. ACCORDING TO FARQUHARSON, THE SECRETARY OF STATE INDICATED THAT BOTH HE AND PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU WILL PERSONALLY PURSUE CANADIAN EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY
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RELATIONS AND FIND ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES WITH A NUMBER OF TRIPS ABROAD.
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